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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING BUSINESS TO ONE OF A  
PLURALITY OF SELLERS IN A BUYER DRIVEN ELECTRONIC  
COMMERCE SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the instant application in view of the following amendments and  
remarks.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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